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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.116

In response to the final Office Action dated April 9, 1999, please amend the application as set forth below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1, line 5, after "1991", insert --; this application is also a continuation-in-part of USSN 08/092,355, filed July 15, 1993; and a continuation-in-part of USSN 08/095,760, filed July 21, 1993 and now U.S.Pat.No. 5,620,675--

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application as amended is requested. The specification has been amended to recite priority claims to USSN 08/092,355 and to USSN 08/095,760, now U.S.Pat.No. 5,620,675, both of which disclose reagents within the scope of the present claims. No new matter has been added by virtue of the amendments to the specification.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 2-8 and 10 stand rejected as being unpatentable under § 103 over Harris in view of Fritzberg. The Examiner takes the position that despite its express limitation to diamines, Harris discloses SNNN or NNNS ligands within the scope of the present claims, because one of skill would have recognized that Harris teaches all ligands within the scope of the disclosed formula. The Examiner asserts that one of skill would have been motivated